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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM CHARGE

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SUBJ: PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR AMBASSADOR MC CLOSKEY'S FIRST FEW
DAYS IN ATHENS

1. WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD VERY MUCH TO WELCOMING YOU
AND YOUR FAMILY TO ATHENS. THERE FOLLOWS A SCHEDULE
OF ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR FIRST FEW DAYS HERE, MOST OF WHICH WE
HAVE DISCUSSED ON THE TELEPHONE.

2. FRIDAY, MARCH 10

1515 - ARRIVE VIA KLM 507.

PLANE WILL TAXI TO WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF TERMINAL.
CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AMBASSADOR JOHN GRIGORIADES AND I
WILL MEET YOU AT PLANESIDE WHERE PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL
WANT TO TAKE SOME PICTURES. WE WILL THEN ESCORT YOU
TO VIP AREA WHERE YOU MAY MAKE BRIEF INFORMAL REMARKS
TO PRESS. SUGGEST YOU FEND OFF ANY QUESTIONS WITH
STATEMENT THAT ANY FURTHER COMMENT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE
UNTIL CREDENTIALS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED. I WILL
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INTRODUCE FOLLOWING COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS AND THEIR
WIVES WHO WILL BE WAITING IN VIP LOUNGE:

MGEN AND MRS. RICHARD A BRESNAHAN, (RACHEL), CHIEF, JUSMAGG
MR. AND MRS. GEORGE BARBIS, (PAT), POL COUNSELOR
MR. AND MRS. MILT KOVNER, (SALLY), E/C COUNSELOR
MR. AND MRS. TOM DAVIS, (ADELE), CONSUL GENERAL

MR. AND MRS. BILL HARATUNIAN, (MATILDA), PAO
MR. AND MRS. CLAIR GEORGE, (MARY), MISSION COORDINATOR
CAPT. AND MRS. TOM RODGERS, (ELIZABETH), DEFATT
MR. PETER SCHOETTLE, STAFF AIDE

AFTER 10 OR 15 MINUTES' CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR
GRIGORIADES AND COUNTRY TEAM, I WILL ESCORT YOU AND
YOUR FAMILY TO RESIDENCE, ABOUT A 40-MINUTE DRIVE.

AT RESIDENCE MRS. PAT KEMPER, PERSONNEL OFFICER AND
ACTING ADMIN OFFICER (JIM SOLDOW IS IN HOSPITAL)
WILL IINTRODUCE HOUSEHOLD STAFF TO YOU AND HELP GET
YOU SETTLED.

6:30 P.M. COCKTAILS AT RESIDENCE TO GET ACQUAINTED
WITH YOUR PRINCIPAL STAFF AND THEIR WIVES AND TO
OBTAIN NEED FOR FORMAL CALLS. ATTENDING WILL BE THOSE
WHO MET YOU AT AIRPORT PLUS MRS. JAMES SOLDOW (CAROLE),
AGATT AND MRS. BUD PHILLIPSEN (BERNADINE),
MR. AND MRS. CLARK KEMPER (PAT), MORT DWORKEN,
POL/MIL AFFAIRS OFFICER, MRS. PETER SCHOETTLE (MARILYN),
DANNETTE SACHS, YOUR SECRETAR, AND JEAN JOHNSTON, MY SECRETARY.
DAN ZACHARY, CONSUL GENERAL IN THESSALONIKI, WILL
ATTEND IF HE IS BACK FROM U.S.

I WILL BE PLEASED TO STAY FOR INFORMAL DINNER AND
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DISCUSSION, AS YOU REQUESTED.

3. THE ONLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITY DURING THREE-DAY
WEEKEND (MARCH 13 IS "CLEAN MONDAY", AN ORTHODOX PRE-
LENTEN HOLIDAY) IS MY RECEPTION ON SATURDAY FROM
6 TO 7:30 P.N. FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY BARBARA WATSON AND
ENTIRE CONSULAR SECTION. UK AMBASSADOR SIR BROOKS
RICHARDS WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO CHAT WITH YOU BEFORE HIS
DEPARTURE TUESDAY, MARCH 14, HOPEFULLY ON SATURDAY, BUT TIME
CAN BE ARRANGED AFTER ARRIVAL. WE WILL HAVE INFORMATION ON
CHURCHES, SIGHTSEEING AND OTHER WEEKEND ACTIVITIES FOR YOU ON
ARRIVAL.

4. TUESDAY, MARCH 14

FOREIGN MINISTER PANAYOTIS PAPALIGOURAS HAS SCHEDULED
AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOU AT 10 A.M. TO PRESENT COPY OF
LETTERS OF CREDENCE. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MEETING
WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TO DISCUSS PRESENTATION OF
CREDENTIALS, WHICH HOPEFULLY CAN BE ARRANGED FOR
MARCH 16 OR 17. SUGGEST I PICK YOU UP AT RESIDENCE
ABOUT 9:40 AND ESCORT YOU TO MFA.

FOLLOWING MEETINGS AT MFA, RETURN TO EMBASSY WHERE
YOU WILL BE GREETED BY FULL MARINE SECURITY GUARD IN
UNIFORM. AFTER VISIT TO YOUR OFFICE AND EXECUTIVE
SECTION, CONDUCT YOUR FIRST COUNTRY TEAM MEETING T
12 NOON.

1:00 P.M.: SUGGEST YOU AND MRS. MCCLOSKEY SAY A FEW
WORDS TO AMERICAN AND GREEK EMPLOYEES IN COURTYARD
OF CHANCERY, FOLLOWED BY HANDSHAKING STROLL THROUGH
THE CROWD.

5. ALL THE ABOVE IS, OF COURSE, SUBJECT TO YOUR
APPROVAL. REMAINDER OF YOUR ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK
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6. WARM REGARDS.
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